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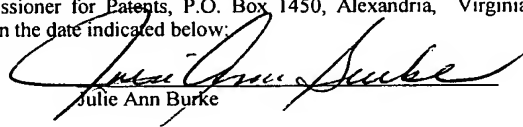
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 17, 2007. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing of the Office Action, *i.e.*, by July 19, 2007, and this timely paper is being submitted within that period. Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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